

HAD BETTER SUCCESS.

Steam Otter Trawler Spray Landed Fourth Trip.

Had More Fish Than on First Three Trips Combined.

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at Boston yesterday from her fourth trip since going into commission December 15. Her fare this time is larger than the total of the other three, the craft hailing for about 80,000 pounds, mostly haddock, but among which are 3500 weight of flounders and soles.

The fare was taken on the southwest part of Georges, where the fish have struck in great abundance. The ground here is well adapted to otter trawling, and during the stay of the fish there the Spray should get good fares. While 80,000 pounds of fresh fish is a good trip, it should be remembered that the fresh fish market is demoralized because of the continued fine weather which has allowed the vessels to make extra big catches and fairly glut the market as it has not been since 1897, when open weather prevailed as it has this winter.

It is interesting to note that although the Spray has 80,000 pounds of fish, six sailing vessels have arrived today at T wharf and at this port which have not been out any longer than the Spray and yet have fares as large and some are larger than that brought in by the steam craft.

While this trip is probably encouraging to the owners of the Spray, it being such an improvement over the three previous ones, yet it is far, even now, from what was expected, as the craft was built and fitted with the idea of landing larger trips and in less time than the present sailing trawlers. Until she does this, she will not come up to the expectations of her owners.

Newburyport

PROTECTING CLAM INDUSTRY.

is to look after its clam industry, which is a very wise thing to do. It is hoped that some plan may be decided upon whereby the bivalve will be protected and that they may accumulate so as to continue to form a principal industry and a source of livelihood for a large number of citizens. A hearing will be granted the petitioners by the board of aldermen on Wednesday evening, and the clam diggers will throw all the light they can upon the question for the benefit of the city officials.

Before the great scarcity of clams on Gloucester flats, a large number of men earned good livings by following this vocation. Now it is pretty difficult to find a sufficient number of clams to get a good-sized mess for home consumption. It might be a good idea for Gloucester to keep its eyes on Newburyport and see what its sister city can offer as means of increasing the number of clams.

Good Halibut Fares.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. James McHenry, arrived late Saturday from Grand Bank, with a nice halibut fare, 28,000 pounds, besides 12,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Niagara, Capt. Augustus Swinson, arrived from Quero Bank this morning with a fine fare, 30,000 pounds of halibut, 18,000 pounds of fresh cod and 12,000 pounds of salt cod.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Niagara sold to the American Halibut Company and that of sch. Theodore Roosevelt to the New England Fish Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Squanto, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$2800 on her recent quick halibut trip.

SUMMER WEATHER.

Sch. Corona Struck It on This Trip on Quero Bank.

Crew Fished Eight Days Out of Ten in Shirt Sleeves.

Capt. Augustus Peterson of sch. Corona, which arrived from Quero bank this morning with such a fine fare of halibut, reports remarkably fine weather on the bank during the trip. He says it was the finest weather he ever saw on the fishing ground in the winter time. It seemed just like summer time, and the trawls were set out eight out of ten days and the crew fished in their shirt sleeves and were comfortable.

NEW LAUNCH FOR GRAMPUS.

Gasoline Craft Will Probably Be Built at This Port.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus, which is now hauled up for the winter at this port, is to have a new gasoline launch added to her equipment for next season. The launch will be about 20 feet long and it is expected that she will be built at this port.

There is a strong probability that the Grampus, before going into commission this coming season, will be fitted with auxiliary power. If this is done, it will mean several changes in her interior arrangement and will be quite a piece of work. If the craft is so fitted, the work of alteration and the installing of the engine will be done here.

False and Misleading Statement.

The Bay of Islands, N. S., Western Star of Wednesday says:

"The Gloucester fishermen are petitioning their government to assist in the establishing of canneries for the purpose of having dogfish canned and labelled Japanese mackerel, and Japanese halibut, etc. The Massachusetts Fish and Game Society is opposing the idea of putting a false brand on dogfish."

We can assure the Star that this is not so. The idea of canning and falsely labelling dogfish was never heard of here until it appeared in a letter written by an enthusiast on the dogfish extermination who does not live on salt water. He did not charge it up to Gloucester, but the chance was too good to be lost by some of the critics of this port, and soon it appeared as a newspaper item that Gloucester was going to put up dogfish and label it Japanese mackerel, etc. The statement is absurdly false.

Halibut Sale.

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CODFISH SEINING.

Both Capt. Ceel and Benham Will Go Again This Year.

Hope To Find Schools of Codfish Around Sable Island.

The cod and pollock seining fishery in the vicinity of Sable Island as inaugurated by Capt. Alden Geel in 1904 and followed last season by Capt. Geel in sch. Tattler and Capt. Thomas Benham in sch. Emma E. Witherell, will be continued this season by Capt. Geel in sch. Tattler and Capt. Benham in sch. Lucinda I. Lowell.

During both 1904 and 1905, the efficacy of this style of fishing was conclusively proven, the only drawback being that the big schools of codfish which have generally frequented the shoal water around Sable Island have been missing the past two years. This year, however, there is reported to be a better show of codfish on the banks to the eastward.

Last season both vessels had no trouble in getting very large fares, mostly pollock, which were found in large quantities. The seining gear worked finely and it is only a question of the codfish being there of securing a very valuable fare in a very short space of time.

Both Capt. Geel and Benham, as well as D. B. Smith & Co., the owners of the vessels, believe in the method of fishing and are anxious to continue using it.

One thing is certain, if the codfish school there as they have in former years, a big trip can be made in record time and with no bait cost. If the codfish are not found plentifully, there will be no trouble in securing a fare of mostly pollock.

"Mac" On the Scent.

Ex-Rep. McIntire of Gloucester was at the state house yesterday on the scent for the fish and game commission dogfish report. The depredations of this predatory piscatorial denizen of New England marine waters is likely to be a subject for congressional action if the fishermen have pull enough.—Boston Advertiser.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. James McHenry, stocked \$2585 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$68.71.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, stocked \$2200 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$47.

Big Fares.

Some big fares of fresh fish have been brought in at Boston yesterday and today. Sch. Moaniam, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, is there this morning with 140,000 pounds, the largest fare of the season, sch. Maryland, Capt. George Tufts, with 95,000 pounds, sch. Fanny Prescott, Capt. Stephen Atwood, with 100,000 pounds and sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. Thorburn, with 97,000 pounds. Yesterday sch. Arcadia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, had 100,000 pounds.

Fine Halibut Trip.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Augustus Peterson, arrived this morning from Quero Bank with a splendid trip, 43,000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt cod. It seems like old times to see the halibut catchers getting such good trips.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Corona, Quero Bank, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 40,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Arcadia, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Metamora, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 4.00 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.25.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25 medium cod, \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 90 cts; hake, 85 cts; cusk, \$1.40; pollock, 65 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Kernwood, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake,

Sch. Titania, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Viking, 10,000 haddock.

Sloop Venus, 2500 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 10,000 haddock 500 cod, 1700 hake.

Sch. Moanam, 110,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 75,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. A. O. Newhall, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 6500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 70,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 cusk, 5000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Lillian, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rapidan, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Maryland, 90,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 600 halibut.

Steamer Sadie and Alice, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 2000 haddock, 1700 cod.

Sch. Fanny Prescott 80,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk, 1500 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.15 to \$2.50; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$3.50; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$2; halibut 13 and 20 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

It is expected that several of the local salt bank fleet will begin to fit out this week.

Capt. Charles Forbes, formerly of sch. Harry A. Nickerson of Boothbay, will engage in Rips fishing the coming season in one of the vessels of Mr. John Gleason's fleet.

Capt. Joseph Bonia is now fitting sch. Smuggler for fresh halibuting.

Sch. Appomattox will engage in the Rips fishery this spring under command of Capt. Fred Howard.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

A report from Porto Rico January 24 says: Arrivals of fishstuffs at San Juan since 16th inst. comprise 95 tierces dry fish, mostly consigned to selves. Our market has not fully recuperated as yet and the demand is very quiet, the chief reason being that dealers have lost heavily during the recent break and are overcareful in purchasing. We cannot as yet advance our last quotations of (net ex. wharf) about: Medium codfish, \$6; haddock, \$5; pollock, \$4.25; hake, \$3 per 100 lbs.; split herring, \$5.75 up per bbl. Sch. Ich Dien, from Lunenburg, N. S., arrived at Ponce. Sch. Julia Luckenbach had on board for that port some 270 tierces, mostly pollock.

BIG TRIP SEASON.

Remarkable Fares of Haddock at T Wharf Today.

Sch. Cavalier at This Port with Splendid Halibut Fare.

This is another big trip day, and considering the season of the year, it is doubtful if such big trips of haddock, and so many of them, have ever been brought to T wharf, Boston, as are there this week.

Following closely on the heels of the big trips of schs. Moanam, Fanny Prescott, Slade Gorton, Arcadia, Metamora, Maryland and others comes another fleet today. Sch. Illinois, Capt. John Lowry, has 135,000 pounds, sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, hails for 132,000 pounds, sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, has 105,000 pounds, and sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, has 95,000 pounds.

These are the biggest trips ever landed at T wharf at this season of the year and are of the size of the regular summer shack trips. These vessels have only been gone a week, fishing on the southeast part of Georges, and have had a remarkable spell of fine weather on the big school of fish that has struck there. Naturally the market is very low.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porper, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon, way from the southern edge of Grand Bank with the largest fresh halibut trip of the season, better than 50,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod on the side. The Cavalier had good weather and the set averaged about 5000 pounds. Capt. Porper dusted his splendid craft over the homeward road in grand style. She did not leave for home until Friday and yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock she dropped her anchor here. Yesterday, she had a smashing breeze and logged 14 knots hour after hour, which is certainly "going some." This morning the price of halibut took a drop to 11 cents for white and 7 1-4 for gray, but at this price Capt. Porper and his men will probably make the banner trip of the season.

NOT LIKE HOT CAKES.

Did the Fish From the Otter Trawler Spray Go Yesterday.

According to the reports of people who were at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, the fish of the trip of the beam trawler Spray did not go like hot cakes. Some of the fish dealers who came down here last night said that each of the stockholders of the steamer, on the wharf took what was on their card, enough to go around once, and then did not want any more at the going price, which was not too much over \$1 per hundred weight.

Many who saw the fish said that some of them looked all right, but that many, as on the previous trips landed by the craft, were scaled badly, and that finally a part of the haddock of the craft's fare were disposed of at 50 cents per hundred weight.

There does not seem to be much need of worrying about the Spray revolutionizing the fresh fish business as yet.

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Sch. Fanny E. Prescott, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Titania, via Boston.
Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.
Sch. Elizabeth N., Bay of Islands, N. F., 1050 bbls. frozen herring, 250 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. A. T. Gifford, Maine coast, frozen herring.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
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Sch. Fame, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Raymah, 70,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Orinoco, 60,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 100,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Illinois, 130,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 120,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake, 400 halibut.

Sch. Shepherd King, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.

Br. sch. Ernest, 800 bbls. frozen herring, Bay of Islands.

Haddock, \$1, large cod \$5.50 to \$5.75, market cod \$2 to \$2.50, hake \$1.25 to \$3.50, halibut 14 cts.

Herring Notes.

Sch. Viking completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Boston yesterday.

The fare of frozen herring of Br. sch. Lila B. Young will be opened at Boston today.

The British sch. Douglass Adams, whose fare of frozen herring was bought by Boston parties, is at that port, waiting her turn to open her cargo.

Sch. Ingomar, from this port, arrived at New York yesterday, and will open her cargo of frozen herring there today.

It is expected that sch. J. J. Flaherty of this port will complete the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at New York today.

This cold and stormy weather makes the holders of frozen herring smile. It is just what they have been praying for.

The Br. sch. Ernest, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 800 barrels of frozen herring, arrived at Boston yesterday.

Sch. A. T. Gifford of this port, from the Maine coast, with a fare of frozen herring, made the harbor last night and anchored on the Pac Cake ground.

Good Work.

Capt. Joseph J. Lyle, who has been in command of the little sch. Lillian of this port this winter, has been doing well. The vessel has been engaged in codfishing off Plymouth and has been tending the Boston market. In the past five weeks the crew has shared \$110 each, which is certainly good work when the low prices of fish are considered.